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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 April 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-15,17-36 and 38 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-15 and 17-36 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 38 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/27/07.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. A mistake was found in the last Office action regarding claim 38, therefore, the last Office action has been vacated.

Response to Amendment

2. Applicant's amendment filed on April 27, 2007 has been entered. No Claim has been amended. Claim 37 has been canceled. Claims 1, 2, 4-15, 17-36, and 38 are still pending in this application, with claims 1, 14, 27, 32, and 38 being independent.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
4. Claim 38 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gisby (U.S. Patent No. 6,002,760) in view of Margolis (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0235287).

Regarding claim 38, Gisby teaches a method for managing calls of an automatic call distributor, comprising:

receiving a call from a user over a first connection with a first endpoint of the user, the call comprising a request for service (incoming call from caller);

obtaining presence information of the user and associating the call with the presence information; placing the call in a queue until a suitable agent becomes available to provide the

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service to the user; establishing a virtual contact to hold a place of the call an order in the queue the first connection is terminated (column 5, lines 10-15);

establishing a second connection with the user; detecting the presence of the user associated with the second connection; and associating the second connection with the virtual contact using the detected presence of the user (column 5, lines 20-23).

Gisby fails to teach the method wherein the notification is received through instant messaging (IM) or through short message service (SMS) text messaging or updating the user of a status of the virtual contact in the queue through instant messaging or through short message service text messaging. However, Margolis teaches a virtual interaction queuing using internet protocols wherein a method includes queuing the call in a queue associated with a call center, obtaining a messaging preference of the caller, disconnecting the call, generating at least one IP-based message for the caller according to the caller's messaging preference, and transmitting the at least one IP-based message to the caller over an IP network, so as to begin a virtual interaction between the caller and the call center after the call is disconnected (paragraph [0011]). The message can be any form of an instant message or an SMS message (paragraph [0030]).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the use of IP-base message taught by Margolis to modify the teaching of Gisby in order to easy to communicate between the caller and the call center when the caller disconnects the call thereby making it more sufficient in re-establishing the communication based upon the availability of an agent.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1, 2, 4-15, 17-36 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments filed December 22, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant fails to address the teachings of Margolis as cited under 35 U.S.C.103(a) rejection in Office action mailed September 26, 2006 with Applicant's new added claim 38. Examiner believes the rejection of claim 38 above as being unpatentable over Gisby in view of Margolis is proper.

Conclusion

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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Benny Q. Tieu
Primary Examiner
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